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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Tetsuro YOSHIMOTO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1962
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 30, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 30, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.